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FALL AT GRACE

10 AM Sunday Worship Starting in September!

Prayer Group

Are you looking for a group of people who believe in the power the prayer and love praying in community? Join our Prayer Group on Thursday mornings at 8 AM in the Adult Sunday school Room

Pinochle Club

Church isn't all about books and beliefs. It is also about just being human and spending time doing the things we love. LIKE PINOCHLE! Join us Tuesdays 1- 3 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Grace Quilters

Do you love to quilt? Never held a needle in your life? Join the Grace Quilters on Saturday mornings as they complete more quilts to support one of the numerous organizations they provide for. Last year they created roughly 250 quilts for different shelters and community partners. For more information contact the office!

Fall Kick-Off

Potluck

Join us for our Fall Potluck on Sunday Sept. 10th at 11AM (following worship)



Bring a side or dessert to share and enjoy the laughter of children playing as we reconnect after a busy summer!

Free Community Mental Health Response Training

Join our community on Saturday Aug. 26th 10AM -12PM in learning how we can better be present in the midst of a mental health crisis. This 90-minute training is just the beginning of making our community safer and more compassionate. To save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the



3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Scan to sign-up!



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Children's Church

Joining us for Sunday Worship at 10 AM and have littles? Start worship as a family and then send your children to the nursery or Children's Church after the Children's Message!

Sunday Adult Class

Looking for a group of adults to talk about different beliefs, understandings, and doctrines? Our Sunday Morning Adult Study is led by Carole Jones and meets at 9 AM.

Rainbow Coffee House

Rainbow Coffee House is a weekly school year program open to queer middle and high school students (and allies). Our program also offers a gender expression clothing closet, a hygiene closet, a queer reading library, and a take-home food pantry. On average last year we had 25 youth at our weekly program.

Starting Thursday, Sept. 14 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Bible Studies

Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities

"This Bible study, Kingdom Dreams,



Violent Realities, is important in helping us identify and articulate the common good that is essential in our policies and attitudes toward guns. We need biblically-based and faith-filled conversations about this public health epidemic. Lives are at stake!"

To download the study, visit: https://www.umcjustice.org/ documents/37

Starting Monday, September 11 at 7 PM, Rev. Gary Treglown of Grace UMC will be facilitating a 4-week study on gun violence through the lens of Micah.

Bring Your Own Beer* & Bible

As we get older it can be more and more difficult to find safe spaces where we can ask the real questions on our mind. "What if all this stuff is just made up to control people..." "I think that church is completely shaming people into purity..." "I feel guilty around my friends for being Christian..." Don't want to have to prepare and read for a normal study? Us either! Bring Your Own Beer & Bible (BYOB2) is a relaxed environment, where you can learn more about different parts of the Bible, engage in deeper theological conversation, and enjoy a beverage of your choice. We find that many people fancy themselves a theologian after a drink or two!

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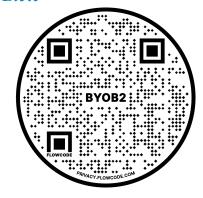
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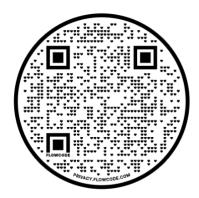
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Brushes of Grace



This informal group of spiritual wanderers will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair and join us in the backyard! This group is reserved for 18 and older. **Starting Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM!**

Adult Opportunities

Brushes of Grace

Join us for this two-part class hosted by Chareese Jorgensen of Bitterroot Sip and Paint. During this course, participants will use

acrylic paint to work on a special take-home project! Use these four hours to connect with that creative side of yourself!

Session 1: Sept 13th, 2023 Session 2: Sept 20th, 2023 10AM - 12PM \$35 for both Sessions.

Childcare available upon request.

Why Art?

Art has long been recognized as a powerful tool for promoting mental wellbeing, offering individuals a



creative outlet for self-expression, emotional processing, and stress relief. Whether through painting, drawing, writing, music, dance, or any other form of artistic expression, engaging in art can have numerous positive effects on mental health.

New Member Classes

Mark your calendars now for New Member Classes at Grace. We believe that being a member of the church is not about privileges but about responsibility. Learn more about Grace UMC, Wesleyan Theology, and The United Methodist Church. Classes will be held after church on October 1st & 8th. Ask Pastor Sam for more information or to discuss other options.